IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

MR. AND MRS. DOE PARENTS NO. 1, Individually and as Guardians ad Litem for Their Minor Child, Doe Minor Girl No. 1; and MR. AND MRS. DOE PARENTS NO. 2, Individually and as Guardians ad Litem for Their Minor Child, Doe Minor Girl No. 2, Plaintiffs-Appellees/Cross-Appellants

VS.

STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, Defendant-Appellant/Cross-Appellee,

and

LAWRENCE J. NORTON; MARIE VALERIE NORTON; JOHN DOES 1-10; JANE DOES 1-10; DOE CORPORATIONS 1-10; DOE PARTNERSHIPS 1-10; and DOE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES 1-10, Defendants

APPEAL FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT (CIV. NO. 96-4906)

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL AND CROSS-APPEAL (By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, Ramil, and Acoba, JJ.)

Upon review of the record, it appears that: (1) the judgment entered on March 23, 2000 is a judgment only on the claims against defendant State of Hawai'i, Department of Education; (2) the March 23, 2000 judgment is certified under HRCP 54(b), but certification under HRCP 54(b) is inappropriate inasmuch as all claims in Civil No. 96-4906 have been resolved; (3) a final judgment as to all claims in Civil No. 96-4906 has not been entered pursuant to HRCP 58; and, thus, (4) the appeal

of the March 23, 2000 judgment is premature. <u>See Jenkins v.</u>

<u>Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright</u>, 76 Hawai'i 115, 869 P.2d 1334

(1994). Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this appeal and cross-appeal are dismissed for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 28, 2000.